

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 stand rejected. Claims 2, 6 and 8-20 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hughes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,706). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended Claim 1 recites, "An integrated telephone system adapted to be housed in a seat of a mobile platform, the system comprising: a cradle for housing a telephone handset; a first terminal supported on said cradle, said first terminal providing an electrical connection point for said telephone handset of said system and a first communication link to a remote transmitter of the mobile platform; a second terminal supported on a substantially flat portion of said cradle substantially adjacent to one of four corners of said cradle, said second terminal providing a wireless connection point for a computing device of a first user and a second communication link to the remote transmitter, said system adapted to provide the first and second communication links simultaneously; and a third terminal supported on said substantially flat portion of said cradle substantially adjacent to another one of said four corners of said cradle, said third terminal providing a wireless connection point for a computing device of a second user and a third communication link to the remote transmitter, said system further adapted to provide said first, second and third communication links simultaneously. "

Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 1. Specifically, Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest an integrated telephone system that includes a first terminal supported on a cradle for connecting a telephone handset and adapted to provide a first communication link from the telephone handset to a remote transmitter. Additionally, Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest an integrated telephone system that additionally includes a second terminal supported on a substantially flat portion of the cradle, substantially adjacent a corner of the cradle, for providing a wireless connection for a computing device and adapted to provide a second communication link to the remote transmitter.

Furthermore, Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest an integrated phone system further including a third terminal supported on a substantially flat portion of the cradle, substantially adjacent another corner of the cradle, for providing a wireless connection for another computing device and adapted to provide a second communication link to the remote transmitter, wherein the first and second communication links to the remote transmitter are provided simultaneously.

Rather, Hughes et al. describes a mobile telephone apparatus comprising a transceiver unit 10, an antenna 14, a handset connector port 16, a microphone port 18, a loud speaker port 20, an M-bus port 22 and a power connector port 24. Additionally, Hughes et al. describes that users of the mobile telephone apparatus will not require the use of all such components at the same time. Thus, Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest a first and second communication link simultaneously connecting a telephone handset and a computing device to a remote transmitter.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 1 is patentable over Hughes et al. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the §102(b) rejection of Claims 1 and 2 be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

1. Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hughes et al. in view of Perlman (U.S. Patent No. 5,558,339). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended as set forth above. As set forth above, Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 1. Additionally, Perlman does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 1. Rather, Perlman describes an apparatus and system for recording and replaying the interaction between a plurality of players of a video game. Therefore, neither Hughes et al. nor Perlman describe, show or suggest the features recited in amended Claim 1.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 1 is patentable over Hughes et al. in view of Perlman. When the recitations of Claims 3 and 4 are considered in combination with the recitations of amended Claim 1, Applicant submits that Claims 3 and 4 are likewise patentable over Hughes et al. in view of Perlman.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection of Claims 3 and 4 be withdrawn.

2. Claims 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallagher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,792) in view of Hughes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,706). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended Claim 5 recites, “A seat mounted to a vehicle, said seat comprising: an integrated telephone system comprising: a cradle mounted in a recessed portion of the seat; a first terminal adapted to have a wireless communication connection to a communication device and to provide a first communication link to a transmitter located remotely from said cradle, said first terminal located on said cradle; a second terminal adapted to have a wireless communication connection to a first computing device of a first user and to provide a second communication link to the remote transmitter, said second terminal located on a substantially flat portion of said cradle substantially adjacent to one of four corners of said cradle, said integrated telephone system adapted to provide said first and second communication links simultaneously; and a third terminal adapted to have a wireless communication connection to a second computing device of a second user and to provide a third communication link to the remote transmitter, said third terminal located on said substantially flat portion of said cradle substantially adjacent to another one of said four corners, said integrated telephone system further adapted to provide to provide said first, second and third communication links simultaneously.”

Neither Gallagher et al. nor Hughes et al. describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 5. Particularly, Claim 5 has been amended to include a first terminal that provides a wireless connection to a communication device and a communication link to a remote transmitter. Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest a terminal that provides a wireless connection to a communication device and a communication link to a remote transmitter. Additionally, Claim 5 has been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations set forth above in amended Claim 1. As set forth above Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Hughes et al. does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 5.

Additionally, Gallagher et al. does not describe, show or suggest the elements recited in amended Claim 5. Rather, Gallagher et al. describes a cradle having a depression configured to receive a handset and a latching mechanism having two detents for retaining the handset in a secured position. Thus, neither Gallagher et al. nor Hughes et al. describe, show or suggest the features recited in amended Claim 5.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 5 is patentable over Gallagher et al. in view of Hughes et al.

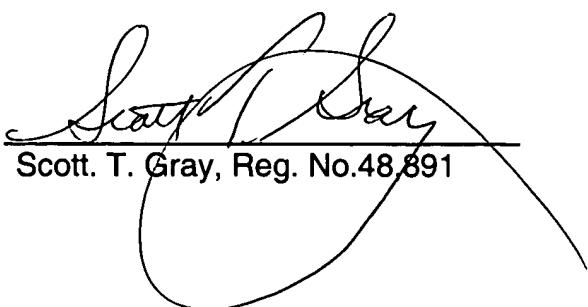
Claim 7 depends from amended Claim 5. When the recitations of Claim 7 are considered in combination with the recitations of amended Claim 5, Applicant submits that Claim 7 is likewise patentable over Gallagher et al. in view of Hughes et al.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection of Claims 5 and 7 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

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